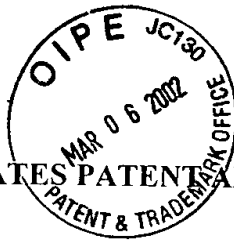


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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the September 6, 2001, Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before March 6, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account in the amount of \$460.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), as well as any additional fees that may be due or credit any overpayment of same, Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 19374-504. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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